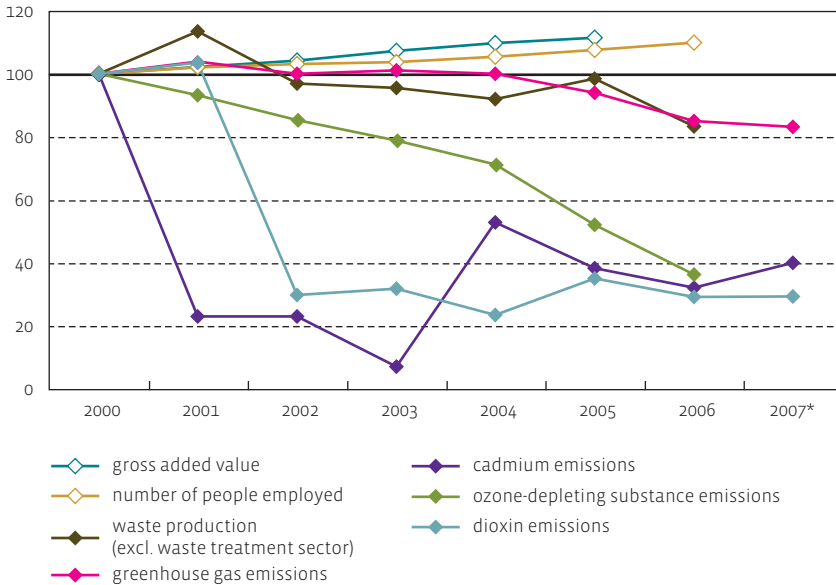


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* provisional figures

Source: MIRA based on EIL (VMM), Flanders Energy Balance VITO, NBB, NIS and OVAM

Decreasing environmental pressure of trade & services

The gross added value of the trade & services sector increased between 2000 and 2005 by 11.5 %. The number of workers increased by 10 % between 2000 and 2006. The greenhouse gas emissions however saw a strong decrease of 16.8 % in 2007 compared to 2000. The improvement is mainly due to the reduction in methane emissions (CH₄) at landfills. A further decrease in greenhouse gas emissions can be achieved by limiting the sector's energy consumption. Between 2000 and 2007 the emissions of dioxins (-70.8 %) and cadmium (-60.0 %) also experienced a strong decrease. This decrease can be attributed to a number of closures and drastic remediation measures in the waste incineration sector. The emissions of ozone-depleting substances also decreased strongly, -63.7 % in 2006 compared to 2000. This concerns emissions from, among other things, coolant and blowing agents from (scrapped) cooling and freezer appliances. The decrease is due to the legislation which provides for the gradual phasing out of ozone-depleting substances, and the obligation to accept scrapped electric and electronic appliances so that coolant and blowing agents can be recovered.

The production of waste (excluding the waste treatment sector) shows a fluctuating history, but in 2006 there was a decrease compared to 2000.

	2000	2005	2006	2007
gross added value (10 ⁶ euro)*	93 673	104 457
number of people employed	1 632 356	1 757 722	1 793 919	..
greenhouse gas emissions (ktonnes CO ₂ -eq)	5 019	4 719	4 270	4 174
primary waste production (ktonnes)	5 324	5 245	4 433	..
ozone-depleting substance emissions (tonnes CFC-11-eq)	258.4	134.4	93.7	..
dioxin emissions (mg)	13 454	4 710	3 908	3 935
cadmium emissions (kg)	111	42	36	44

* in chain euro 2004